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IN RE APPLICATION: Yutaka MITANI, et al.

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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE**

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The U.S. PCT Receiving Branch is requested to provide a corrected Notification of Acceptance under 35 USC 371 for the following reasons:

The Date of Receipt of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) Requirements is incorrect.

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The Date of Receipt of all 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements is incorrect.

Applicant believes that the correct date is February 15, 2007, the date of the filing the Executed Declaration. A copy of the Electronic Acknowledgment Receipt is attached.

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## NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C 371 AND 37 CFR 1.495

The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

<u>08/16/2006</u>	<u>08/16/2006</u>
DATE OF RECEIPT OF 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS	DATE OF COMPLETION OF ALL 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS

A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE "FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

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- English Translation of the IA filed on 08/16/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 08/16/2006
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 08/16/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 11/16/2006
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